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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesy of a telephone conference on December 29, 2005. In accordance with the telephone conference, applicant has further amended Claim 30 to address the 35 U.S.C. §101 issue.

The Office Action indicated that Claims 35-39 were allowed, while rejecting Claim 29 on the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting over a parent U.S. Patent No. 5,771,334, and further rejecting Claim 30 under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting over related U.S. Patent No. 6,336,002.

Applicant hereby submits Terminal Disclaimers to remove these rejections.

The remaining issue was the rejection of non-statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101 which is believed to have been resolved with the kind suggestion of Examiner Nguyen.

Accordingly, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and an early notification of the same is requested.

If there any questions with regards to this matter, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to the USPTO at 571-273-8300 on January 20, 2006.

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